

Millennial Campus Designation – UNCW

ISSUE OVERVIEW

The 2000 session of the General Assembly authorized the Board of Governors to designate a Millennial Campus at each constituent institution when the Board finds that such a designation will enhance the institution's research, teaching, and service missions, as well as the economic development of the region served by the institution. The legislation states that the Board should act on the recommendation of the president after the president has consulted with the chancellor and the board of trustees. The designation shall be based on the finding that the institution has the administrative and fiscal capacity to create and maintain such a campus. Each Millennial Campus would function in a manner similar to the Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University and each would be exempt from the provisions of the Umstead Act.

The Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina Wilmington requests that the Board of Governors expand the UNCW existing Millennial Campus by adding approximately 21.79 acres on a single site for new student housing, dining, and parking. The site is in close proximity to existing campus housing, dining, and outdoor recreational activities, and is located on the main campus. The site will be known as the Southeast Housing Village and would be developed to provide affordable on-campus student housing with related appurtenances, parking, and dining to support UNCW's Strategic Plan and in accordance with UNCW's Campus Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The president has completed the required consultations and recommends that the Board approve the request for the University of North Carolina Wilmington to be granted an expansion of their Millennial Campus status. The campus has the administrative and fiscal capacity that is required and the activities to be performed on the Millennial Campus would advance regional economic development.